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Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 21, as follows:

The invention also provides biodegradable polymeric micelles comprising a biodegradable, amphiphilic polyphosphate having at least one phosphate group in the main chain of the polymer and the polymer preferably having at least one positively charged or positively chargeable group and at least one hydrophobic moiety. In preferred polymer micelles, the positively charged or positively chargeable groups are integral to the main chain of the polymer or are present in a ~~phosphate~~phosphate side chain group. Further, the hydrophobic moieties are typically pendant from the polymer main chain and each hydrophobic group is linked to a phosphate group that is integral to the main chain.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 34, line 11, as follows:

As used herein, the term "a positively charged or positively chargeable group" is intended to include both positively charged functional groups such as phosphonium groups, quaternary ammonium groups and other charged groups and also chargeable functional groups that can be reversibly protonated to yield a positively charged group, e.g., typical chargeable groups include primary, secondary and tertiary amines, amides and other functional groups which comprise a proton acceptor and can be protonated in aqueous media at or around neutral pH.